

The Curiosity Rover on Mars landed at Bradbury Station on Day 0 (Called Sol 0) and is headed for an important geological site called Glenelg. This map shows the location of the Rover until Sol 29. Also shown on the map is a coordinate grid marked in intervals of 50-meters. Bradbury Station is located at approximately (+100, +230). The table below gives the location of Curiosity for the period from Sol 29 to Sol 56. Students should use the distance formula to determine interval lengths:  $d^2 = (x2-x1)^2 + (y2-y1)^2$  but they may also use millimeter rulers and the image scale to determine the distances between the points.

Day	X	Y	Day	X	Υ
39	+210	+180	48	+360	+175
41	+270	+210	49	+390	+180
42	+300	+200	52	+470	+200
45	+315	+165	56	+500	+205

**Problem 1** – Graph the additional points and connect them with line segments to show Curiosity's path across the martian landscape.

**Problem 2** – During which segment was Curiosity traveling the fastest?

**Problem 3** – During which segment was Curiosity traveling the slowest?

Problem 4 – What has been the average speed of Curiosity between Sol 39 and Sol 56?

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